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Special Provision for Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS)

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This special provision was developed by the Bureau of Operations and the Bureau of Design and Environment to provide statewide requirements for accessible pedestrian signals (APS). It should be inserted into all contracts using APS.

The installation of APS at signalized intersections should be based on an engineering study and consider the following factors:

- A request for accessible pedestrian signals.
- Potential demand for accessible pedestrian signals.
- Traffic volumes during times when pedestrians might be present; including periods of low traffic volumes or high turn-on-red volumes.
- The complexity of traffic signal phasing.
- The complexity of intersection geometry.

Written support of local municipal officials will be required prior to approving the use of APS in contracts.

Designer Note: Pedestrian pushbutton posts and pedestrian signal heads are not part of this work. If they are needed, use the appropriate pay items as per Sections 876 and 881 of the Standard Specifications.

The districts should include the BDE Check Sheet marked with the applicable special provisions for the April 25, 2003 and subsequent lettings. The Project Development and Implementation Section will include the paper copy in the contract.

This special provision will be available on the transfer directory January 10, 2003.

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ACCESSIBLE PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS (APS) (BDE)

Effective: April 1, 2003

Description. This work shall consist of furnishing and installing accessible pedestrian signals (APS). Each APS shall consist of an interactive pedestrian pushbutton with speaker, an informational sign, a solid state electronic control board, a power supply, wiring and mounting hardware. The APS shall meet the requirements of the MUTCD and Sections 802 and 873 of the Standard Specifications, except as modified herein.

Electrical Requirements. The APS shall operate with systems providing 95 to 130 VAC, 60 Hz and throughout an ambient air temperature range of -34 °C to +70 °C (-29 °F to +160 °F).

The APS shall contain a power protection circuit consisting of both fuse and transient protection.

Audible Indications. A pushbutton locator tone shall sound at each pushbutton.

A clear, verbal message shall be used to communicate the pedestrian walk interval. This message shall sound throughout the WALK interval only. The verbal message shall be "WALK SIGN", which may be followed by the name of the street to be crossed. No other messages shall be used to denote the WALK interval.

Automatic volume adjustments in response to ambient traffic sound level shall be provided up to a maximum volume of 89 dB. Locator tone and verbal messages shall be no more than 5 dB louder than ambient sound.

Pedestrian Pushbutton. Pedestrian pushbuttons shall be at least 50 mm (2 in.) in diameter or width. The force required to activate the pushbutton shall be no greater than 15.5 N (3.5 lb).

If a pushbutton is depressed for three seconds, a custom verbal message shall be given before the walk cycle goes into effect which tells the pedestrian their location or other pertinent information about the intersection.

A red light emitting diode (LED) shall be located on or near the pushbutton which, when activated, acknowledges the pedestrians request to cross the street.

Signage. A sign shall be located immediately above the pedestrian pushbutton and parallel to the crosswalk controlled by the pushbutton. The sign shall resemble either of the following:



Tactile Arrow. A tactile arrow, pointing in the direction of travel controlled by a pushbutton, shall be provided either on the pushbutton or its sign. This arrow shall meet the requirements of Section X02.5.1.4 of the U.S. Access Board's "Public Rights-of-way Access Advisory Committee Report, 2001".

Vibrotactile Feature. When specified on the plans, vibrotactile messages shall also be provided at each pedestrian pushbutton. The pushbutton shall pulse when depressed and shall vibrate continuously throughout the WALK interval.

Method of Measurement. This work will be measured for payment as each, per pushbutton.

When provided the vibrotactile feature will be measured for payment as each, per pushbutton.

Basis of Payment. This work will be paid for at the contract unit price per each for ACCESSIBLE PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS.

When provided, the vibrotactile feature will be paid for at the contract unit price per each for VIBROTACTILE FEATURE.